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Patent Application Of: Biggs et al.

For: One Piece Header Assembly For An Implantable Medical Device

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.

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2. Attached is Form PTO-1449. Legible copies of all items listed accompany this IDS.

3. A concise explanation of the possible relevance of the listed information items is as follows:

U.S. Patent No. 4,254,775 to Langler shows an implantable defibrillator with a multi-component lid which is configured to mate with the device case and also carries insulated feed-throughs.

U.S. Patent No. 4,471,783 to Buffet describes a cardiac stimulator. A fluid-tight "cell" 12 containing one or more electronic circuits 13 and output terminals closes the open end of a case 2 containing a current generating means. Welding is used to seal the cell 12 to the case 2. Then, the free space left between the fluid-tight cell 12 and the case 2 is filled with electrolyte.

U.S. Patent No. 65,643,328 to Cooke et al. describes an implantable medical device including a header for closing the device case 12. The header is provided with sockets. The disclosure at column 4, lines 1 through 13, describes a casting process for the header using epoxy.

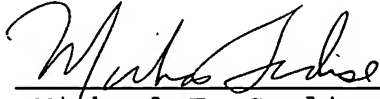
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U.S. Patent 5,282,841 to Szyszkowski describes an electrical connector comprised of feedthrough terminals and connector blocks used in an implantable medical device encased in a block of insulated epoxy or similar material.

4. The remaining patents on the attached Form PTO 1449 were located during a patentability search.

5. The person making this statement is the agent who signs below, who makes this statement on the information supplied by the inventors and the information in the agent's file.

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